

Specific written comments as defined by §218.2 should be within the scope of the proposed action, have a direct relationship to the proposed action, and must include supporting reasons for the responsible official to consider. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. While comments will be accepted any time during the process, to establish standing for objection eligibility, this designated opportunity is between December 16, 2015 to January 14, 2016.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on these proposed actions and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, anonymous comments will not provide the agency with the ability to provide the respondent with subsequent environmental documents. A 30 day Notice and Comment period will be provided at a future date (§218.24).

We encourage you to submit written comments electronically using the "Comment on Project" button available on the right hand side of the screen on the project webpage (<http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40964>).

You may send written comments to Plumas Forest Supervisor, Daniel Lovato c/o Kyla Sabo Beckwourth Ranger District, PO Box 7, Blairsden, CA 96103. Objections may be submitted by FAX (530-836-0493) or by hand-delivery to the Beckwourth Ranger District Office, during normal business hours (Monday-Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm). Electronic objections, in acceptable plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc) formats, may be submitted to: commentspacificsouthwestplumasbeckwourth@fs.fed.us with Subject: Lakes Basin Project.

An objection period, if required, will follow the regulation found in §218.7. For objection eligibility (§218.5), only those who have submitted timely, specific written comments during any designated opportunity for public comment may file an objection. Issues to be raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after a designated opportunity to comment (§218.8(c)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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**Lakes Basin Project
USDA Forest Service
Plumas National Forest
Beckwourth Ranger District
Plumas and Sierra, California**

The USDA Forest Service Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District is beginning the scoping process for the Lakes Basin Project. We are inviting you to submit comments to help refine the proposed activities disclosed in this letter. A detailed description of the purpose and need and proposed action is available online: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40964>. If you would like a hardcopy of the document please contact Kyla Sabo, NEPA Planner, via one of the methods listed below, under comment procedures.

The Project is located in T22N, R11E, Sec. 36, T22N, R12E, Sec. 21-22, 27-29, 31-34, T21N, R11E, Sec. 1, 12-13, 24, T21N, R12E, Sec. 3-6, 7-10, 15-18, 19-22, 30 within the Beckwourth Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas and Sierra Counties, California.

The Lakes Basin Project aims to improve forest health, reduce hazardous fuels; reintroduce fire, reduce conifer encroachment into aspen stands and meadows, and improve water quality. The proposed action would address the need to improve forest health, create conditions that would foster and accelerate forest diversity and promote resilience to drought and wildfire and the potential effects of climate change. It would restore forest conditions to the extent possible considering changing existing conditions.